

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FINGERPRINT CARDS**

(Child Placing Agencies)

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Complete **ONE** card for each individual. Each instruction relates to the item identified by the corresponding number on the fingerprint card.

**The Agency name and address and the reason fingerprinted, can be printed on a label and attached to the fingerprint card. All other information on the card, except for signatures, should be completed in block-style printing in blue or black ink.**

**\*White-out should never be used on the fingerprint card. It is a legal document.**

1. The applicant/individual signs the card in the box labeled "signature of person fingerprinted."
2. The applicant's address is entered in the box labeled "residence of person fingerprinted."
3. The official taking the prints enters the date the prints are taken.
4. The official taking the prints signs the card in the box labeled "signature of official taking fingerprints."
5. The name and address of the AGENCY are entered in box indicating employer and address."
6. The reason fingerprinted is entered. The reason will be one of the following:  
**Foster Parent**, VA Code §63.2-901.1; **Adoptive Parent**, VA Code §63.2-901.1; **Relative Placement**, VA Code §63.2-901.1; **Adult Household Member**, VA Code §63.2-901.1; or **Birth Parent**, VA Code §63.2-901.1
7. The applicant's name is entered. The **FULL** name, not initials, must be entered. Enter "(NMN)" if the applicant does not have a middle name. If applicant does not have a first or middle name and uses only an initial(s), enter "(IO)" in appropriate place. If the applicant's legal name is an initial only, a copy of the birth certificate will need to be provided with the card.
8. The applicant's known aliases, if any, are entered. The term "aliases" is generic and includes all names currently or formerly used by the applicant. Aliases include, but are not limited to: spiritual name(s), pen name(s), maiden name, and former married name(s).
9. The applicant's citizenship (e.g. U.S.) is entered.
10. The OCA No. is the same as the Agency identification number assigned by OBI.
11. The FBI number can remain blank.
12. The applicant's military enlistment number, if any and if known, can be entered.
13. The applicant's social security number is entered.
14. The applicant's date of birth is entered.
15. The applicant's sex is entered. (M/F)

16. The applicant's race is entered. The Virginia State Police has furnished the following race categories which **must** be utilized:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Code</u>
American Indian or Alaskan Native	I
Asian or Pacific Islander	A
Black	B
White	W

\*If race is Hispanic, other, or any category not listed, then it should be entered with the race code most closely representing the individual.

17. The applicant's height is entered.

18. The applicant's weight is entered.

19. The applicant's eye color is entered: Black—BLK  
Blue---BLU  
Brown—BRO  
Green---GRN  
Gray---GRY  
Hazel---HAZ  
Multi-colored—MUL  
Pink---PNK

20. The applicant's hair color is entered: Bald---BAL  
Blond---BLN  
Brown---BRO  
Gray---GRY  
Black—BLK  
White---WHI  
Red---RED  
Purple—PLE

21. The applicant's place of birth (city and state or city and country if non-U.S.) is entered.

22. The applicant's prints are affixed. Any qualified individual may take the prints.  
Options include:

(a) having prints taken by a local law enforcement agency [§ 19.2-392 of the *Code of Virginia* sets a fee limit of \$10 for police authorities to provide this service,  
(b) the agency employing a qualified individual to take prints. The individual taking prints must verify the identity of the applicant. An official identification card bearing the applicant's picture can verify the applicant's identity. A valid driver's license is preferred.

If an amputation or deformity makes it impossible to print a finger, it is recommended by the FBI that one of the following handwritten notations be made in the individual finger block:

- Amp (Use this abbreviation if amputated)
- Tip-Amp (Use this abbreviation if tip is amputated)
- Missing at Birth
- Cut-Off

- Shot-Off
- Deformed
- Missing

If some physical condition makes it impossible to obtain perfect impressions, submit the best that can be obtained with a memo stapled to the card explaining the circumstances.

All prints must be taken in proper order, legible, fully rolled, and classifiable. All data called for is essential. Smudged or other unacceptable prints cannot be processed and will be returned to the facility. Thus, facilities are encouraged to take the steps necessary to assure the individual taking prints is qualified to do so.

NOTE: Staples, labels or markings of any kind should not appear in the "LEAVE BLANK" areas of fingerprint cards. Failure to follow this procedure will result in processing delays according to the FBI.